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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
ROBERT BUCKINGHAM et al. : Examiner Carolyn A. Paden  
Serial No.: 09/782,314 : Group Art Unit: 1761  
Filed: February 14, 2001 :  
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**SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated July 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel Claim 2 and 14 to 17 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 3, 5, 6 and 18 to read as follows:

3. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6 including the further step of maintaining said purged containers in a generally upright position with said inert gas retained therein to thereby prevent the influx of air into said purged containers.

5. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6 wherein said step of grinding said roasted coffee directly into a container filling apparatus is carried out within a sealed enclosure having substantially all of the oxygen therein removed.